

*WHEREAS, at a time when the nation needs skilled workers, Registered Apprenticeship USA helps Colorado compete more effectively in the global economy, and contributes to Colorado's economic development, sustained economic growth, and state security. Registered Apprenticeship programs meet the skilled workforce needs of Colorado industry, training thousands of qualified individuals for lifelong careers since 1937. Registered Apprenticeship ensures quality training by combining on-the-job training with theoretical instruction and helps mobilize Colorado's workforce in traditional industries such as construction and manufacturing, as well as new emerging industries such as health care, information technology, energy, telecommunications, and more. Registered Apprenticeship can connect job seekers looking to learn new skills with employers and sponsors looking for qualified workers, resulting in a workforce with industry-driven training and employers with a competitive edge; and*

*WHEREAS, since the late 1930s, many employers in Colorado have participated in Registered Apprenticeship. Over the years, thousands of individuals have completed their registered apprenticeship throughout the state in both union and non-union programs; and*

*WHEREAS, today in Colorado, over a thousand employers offer registered apprenticeship training to over 5400 active apprentices, and Apprenticeship USA is working to increase these opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, as the economy changes and expands, the demand for skilled workers will continue to increase. Registered apprenticeship is a time tested and proven method of ensuring that the demand can be met, not only in Colorado, but nationwide as well, and in partnership with Colorado community colleges and local workforce centers. Apprenticeship USA will endeavor to keep Colorado on the cutting edge of economic growth throughout the 21st Century;*

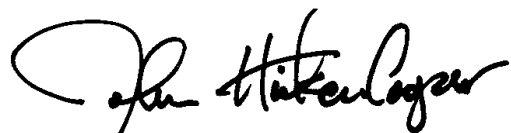
*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between November 14, 2016 and November 18, 2016, as*

### **APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourteenth day of November, 2016*

  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor